

## **August/September 2011**

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| 8/15    | School begins                               | 9/20 | MSU Presentation to Juniors and Seniors         |
| 8/18    | Picture Day                                 | 9/22 | Western Michigan University Rep during lunch    |
| 8/25    | Open House - 6:30 - 8:45 pm                 | 9/23 | Northern University Rep during lunches          |
| 9/2-9/5 | No School - Labor Day                       | 9/26 | Ferris State University Rep during lunch        |
| 9/6     | ID Distribution                             |      | Picture Re-Take day                             |
|         | Lawrence Tech University Rep during lunches | 9/27 | U of M Presentation to Juniors and Seniors      |
| 9/19    | Oakland University Rep during lunches       | 9/29 | Lake Superior State University Rep during lunch |
|         |   | 9/30 | Principal's Advisory Meeting - 9:30 a.m.        |

### **New Beginnings**

The 2011-2012 school year began officially for our students on Monday, Aug. 15. We welcomed 135 new freshmen to a wonderful high school experience and welcomed back to school our sophomores, juniors, and *first ever* seniors. Our enrollment is 484. Seven wonderful teachers also joined our staff: Mrs. Barba-Kopczyk, Spanish; Mrs. Cook, mathematics; Mrs. DeMay, English; Miss Morath, German; Mrs. Rojeski, social sciences; Dr. Zryd, science & mathematics.

### **Enrichment Activities**

Students who traveled to Europe, with their teachers, as part of their IAM language studies, shared their experiences with the entire student body. They recounted memorable events and showed favorite pictures of trips to France, Germany and Spain. Teachers are planning trips overseas for Spring Break, with the addition of a new destination, China.

### **IB Experiences**

At the end of September, all seniors will be participating in the IB's Group 4 project. This activity will involve groups of students from all three science classes (biology, chemistry, physics) working together to design and carry out an experiment. Over a period of three days, groups will assemble, decide on a research plan, collect data, and prepare presentations of their findings. The goal of the Group 4 project is to showcase students' development in the areas of communication and inquiry, while personal skills such as teamwork and compromise are assessed. Yates Cider Mill will provide the setting for data collection, allowing a diversity of experimental designs across the groups.

### **Our Open Doors**

The main entrance to the IAM, door #33, will be open for parents during the course of the school day through Sept.1. After Labor Day, entrance to the IAM during the school day will be limited to the main entrance of the Ninth Grade Center on Romeo Plank.

### **Who are you?**

Picture identification badges will be issued to students on Tuesday, Sept. 6. Students use their ID's to purchase lunches, and they must be able to present their ID's at any time during the school day, if they are asked to do so.

### **Staying in Touch**

Open House is scheduled for Thursday, August, 25 at 6:30 in the Cafeteria. Our teachers are eager to meet you. You will have the opportunity to follow your student's schedule, see their teachers, and receive an overview of the curriculum.

The first of our monthly parent meetings, Principal's Parent Advisory Committee, will take place in Room 20 on Friday, Sept. 30 at 9:30 am. A meeting for parents who are unable to attend during the day will be held on Thursday, Oct. 13, at 7 pm in Room 20. Please join us!

### **Student Handbook**

Please remember that all 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents should read and discuss the IAM Student Handbook. Sign the Review of Guidebook Acknowledgement form on page 42 and send it to the office by Sept. 16.

To access the handbook, follow the procedures listed below:

- Go to [www.IAMacomb.org](http://www.IAMacomb.org)
- Click on Student Information.
- Click on IAM Handbook.
- Please read and discuss the handbook with your student.
- Print page 42.

**Sign the printed form and have your student return it to school no later than 9/18/09**

### **Counselor Corner**

I hope your school year is off to a great start! The focus of my role is to help all IAM students with academic achievement, personal development and career exploration. I will support the students to reach their educational goals while they are here at the IAM and focus my time assisting them with their post-high school planning.

I have been busy scheduling college and university representative visits, which will occur for the most part during lunches (with a few exceptions where we will have presentations for the juniors and seniors). There is a calendar of visits outside the main office on the bulletin board, as well as on my website. We encourage all students to take the opportunity to meet with the representatives to explore college and university options.

The PSAT is on October 12<sup>th</sup> during the school day. All 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the PSAT (which is a practice; there is no charge). 10<sup>th</sup> grade students do not need to register. 11<sup>th</sup> grade students who are interested in taking the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Exam do need to register. There is a fee for 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. Fee is payable by check only and is \$14 (check made payable to the IAM). The deadline to register is **SEPTEMBER 19, 2011**.

On October 19, 2011 Grosse Pointe North High School will be holding a college fair, where over 100 college and university representatives will be available to meet with students. The City of Warren is also holding a college fair on September 22, 2011. More information is available on the bulletin board outside the main office, as well as on my website.

Several selective colleges and universities will be making evening presentations in the metro-Detroit area. This information is posted on the bulletin board outside the main office, as well as on my website. Often times, the more selective colleges and universities are not able to make it to the IAM for a lunchtime visit, so this may be your student's only opportunities to meet with those representatives.

During second semester I will be holding several workshops. In January, I will hold the first annual college and university financial aid night. We will discuss financial aid (scholarships, loans, grants, etc.). We will also have a university financial aid representative to teach students and parents/guardians how to fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). In

March, I will be conducting a junior parent college planning workshop. Please watch the IAM electronic mail-out for these important dates.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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### **Giving Thanks**

As we begin a new school year, we extend a special thank you to our Consortium Districts and the Macomb Intermediate School District for their continued support of the International Academy of Macomb. We know that they take great pride in their students and that they celebrate student achievement.



**International Academy of Macomb NPO number is 83888.**

### **TO USE THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:**

- Simply encourage your members to register online at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com)
- Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with your organization after you sign up.
- If a member does not yet have a Kroger Plus card, please let them know that they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
- Click on Sign In/Register
- Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter NPO number or name of organization, select organization from list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
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